

PATENT APPLICATION



Examiner: Ella Colbert

Group Art Unit: 3624

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on below and the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents (1) and (2) are enclosed.

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Documents (1) and (2) were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated May 12, 2006, is enclosed.

A partial English-language translation accompanies document (2), and an English-language abstract accompanies document (1). The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language documents (1) and (2) is believed to be satisfied by the partial English-language translation and the English-language abstract. See MPEP § 609.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

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